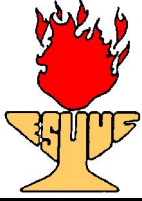


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ESUUC Sunday Services

Sunday, February 3, 10:30 am – “*African American History Month*” – Honoring a dream, civil rights are not just a movement but an ongoing struggle. How spirituality, faith and thoughts continue to shape our American History. Leona Dunnett delivers an interesting perspective and some insightful observations

Sunday, February 10, 10:30 am – “*Quakerism*”— Joseph Guthrie, a life long Quaker, shares his perspective in the Quaker faith. Joseph Guthrie is an accomplished chemist at ALCOA, a friend of ESUUC and Leona Dunnett's father.

Sunday, February 17, 10:30 am – “*Zen, Jazz, and the Creative Art of Everyday Living*” -- Zen Buddhist priest Sensei Dean Williams presents contributions about creativity from the masters, Zen and Jazz, to help us connect with the creative spirit that exists in each of us. Interspersed throughout the talk will be musical selections by artists such as Dave Brubeck, John Coltrane, and Keith Jarrett.

Sunday, February 24, 10:30 am – “*Uganda Trip*”- Will Delphia, an Ohio Meadville District Youth leader, will speak and share his documentary concerning his recent trip to Uganda with Dr. Waun.

Sunday, March 2, 10:30 am —“*A Tale of Two Christianities*” -- There are many Christians among our neighbors, families and friends. But the label of “Christian” has such a broad spectrum of meanings, we can't possibly determine what a person believes until we engage them on some basic questions and issues. **Dr. Waun** will reflect on the idea (inspired by Marcus Borg) that there are two very different types of Christianity



Pastor's Column: A Thousand Lights, One Window

by Rev. Renee Waun

The Rev. Forrest Church once described Unitarian Universalism as “a thousand lights, one window”. Of course, he was referring to the many theological perspectives and practices that we represent in our one religious movement known as the UUA.

What an appropriate symbol for our congregation as we turn our attention to the gorgeous stained glass window project which will soon be under way. We are so grateful for the many people from our congregation and beyond who made contributions of all sizes—small, medium, large and really large—the whole gamut. Each and every gifts counts as an affirmation that the thousand lights shining through the thousand glittering facets and colors of the window's chalice design will represent the variety and diversity of who we are as a community of faith.

Thank you to every person who helped to make this wonderful work of art possible! If you have any questions about the details of the project, you may contact Nancy Fitzgerald, 40th Anniversary Stained Glass Window Chair.

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Musings from the President: Annual Retreat

by Matt Mathis

Our annual church retreat was focused on strengthening our interconnections as a congregation. We engaged in several community building exercises -- ok, games -- to help us discover some of the unexpected ways in which we are connected. There was much discussion about "six degrees of freedom", and how in today's globally interconnected world we are really one family. We were able to discover that all ESUUC members are no more than 2 or 3 handshakes away from Mahatma Gandhi and almost certainly as close or closer to all of our own political leaders.

The retreat was inspired by our 7th principle: "respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part". This principle refers to both our interconnectedness within the human family as well as to the entire earth and its ecosystems. Although it is clear that "green" issues are still very high on everyone's priorities, one of the surprises of the retreat was discovering the extent to which peace has become the number one concern for many of our members. Clearly, as a congregation, we need to get more involved in the peace movement, both at the local level and within the Unitarian Universalist Association.

This does not mean that we are backing away from environmental issues. Quite the contrary: many people have voluntarily made specific changes in how we operate the church to lower our "carbon footprint". For example the new furnace for the classrooms is substantially more efficient than the old one. However, we still have not identified people willing to take on the planning and documentation necessary to complete formal green sanctuary certification.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at 412.654.7529 or drop a note to mathis@psc.edu.

Religious Education

Class Calendar for February:

Elementary:

Feb 3	Children's Chapel	Julia Begg
10	Everyone is Special	Wendy Noe
17	Caring for All	Kate Zingarelli
24	Service Project Sunday	Kate Begg/Wendy Noe

Middle:

Feb 3	Children's Chapel	Julia Begg
10	We Learn Together, We Worship	Tabitha Riggio
17	We Celebrate Special Events	Gayle Pamerleau
24	Service Project Sunday	Kate Begg/Wendy Noe

COA:

Feb 3	Children's Chapel	Julia Begg
10	Love and Equality	Mary Kukura-Straw
17	Abstract Sculpture	Marianne Jew
24	Service Project Sunday	Kate Begg/Wendy Noe

Sunday Refreshments

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One of the most popular Unitarian traditions is the social hour after each service. At ESUUC, each adult member (or couple) takes a turn bringing refreshments – on average, about one turn a year. That way, everyone has one week to share their refreshment-making skills, and the rest of the year to enjoy!

To ensure fairness, we assign each adult member or couple a date on which to bring refreshments. These don't have to be anything homemade or fancy, though such extra-nice treats are always welcome! Store-bought treats work well, too. If you haven't brought refreshments before, or are unfamiliar with how things are set up, you may want to come in the weekend before your turn to see how it's done. There are also instructions in the kitchen on how to use the coffeemaker and hot water pot. If you are still confused, or need assistance, contact Brenda Shiring at brennyren@yahoo.com. Don't think she'll let you off the hook, though, as we all seem to like to eat!

If the week you're assigned doesn't work for your schedule, please switch with someone else for that month.

Feb. 3	Dave Schwartz
Feb. 10	John Shea
Feb. 17	Brenda Shiring
Feb. 24	April Soule

March 4	Mary Warwick
March 11	Kate & Mark Zingarelli
March 18	Melissa Alcorn-Ferry
March 23	Sharing Sunday
March 30	Merritt Baily

News from the Treasurer

by Chris Priano

On January 19, I sent all contributing Members and Friends a report listing tax deductible donations (paid via cash, securities, or checks) made during calendar year 2007. For those with e-mail, you received this report electronically (to save the church the cost of postage), with a subject of "2007 ESUUC tax year data." If you didn't see such an item in your e-mail inbox, please check your spam folder, and also make sure you're set up to accept e-mail from my treasurer@esuuc.org address. For those without an e-mail address, I either hand-delivered a letter to you, or sent it via U. S. Mail. Please contact me with any questions or corrections.

Kudos to new member Kathy Leon for her suggestion of an easy way to raise funds for ESUUC, by using an Internet search engine called Goodsearch. Following is an excerpt from the Goodsearch web site (<http://www.goodsearch.com/About.aspx>):

"GoodSearch is a search engine which donates 50-percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. It's a simple and compelling concept. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. Because it's powered by Yahoo!, you get proven search results. The money GoodSearch donates to your cause comes from its advertisers — the users and the organizations do not spend a dime!

"In 2007, GoodSearch was expanded to include GoodShop, an online shopping mall of world-class merchants dedicated to helping fund worthy causes across the country. Each purchase made via the GoodShop mall results in a donation to the user's designated charity or school – averaging approximately 3% of the sale, but going up to 20% or even more."

I'm in the process of establishing ESUUC as a participating Goodsearch charity. Stay tuned for more information regarding how you can use Goodsearch to help us raise some extra cash. In the meantime, let me know if you have any comments about or experience with this service.

Finally: Since we don't have a true bookkeeper to handle ESUUC's day-to-day finances, I'm still looking for an assistant treasurer who can help me by processing income and making bank deposits. If you're interested, please contact me at treasurer@esuuc.org. Prospective candidates must have 1) an e-mail account, 2) a computer (ideally, with a scanner) and 3) be willing/able to process Sunday and other collections in a timely manner. Regular attendance at Sunday services is necessary, as bank deposits must be made quickly to avoid cash flow problems. If you can't be available on a given Sunday, another board member or I will gladly fill in for you, provided we're notified in advance.

I hope everyone's 2008 is off to a great start. Make the best of winter while envisioning spring!

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UU: Uganda Update

Dr. Waun will be away for the first two Sundays in February, as she leads a mission trip to Uganda to visit and work with the African Rural Schools Foundation, one of our most meaningful outreach projects. UU Youth Will Delphia from Columbus will be going on the trip, along with a retired couple from North Carolina who heard about this worthy venture.

Although Dr. Waun will not be here to lead worship on Feb. 3 we will get a full report on Sunday, Feb. 24 from Will Delphia when he presents our program that day. One of his special assignments in Uganda was to film a documentary for promotional use by the ARSF. If everything goes as planned, Will should be able to share the documentary as well as the experiences he had in filming it with us.

Music Director Brian Ogle Is Stepping Down

Our beloved Music Director has assumed some very hefty parenting duties concerning his two little daughters Aria and Lyra, now that their grandparents have returned to their home in China. Brian's time and energy for the church is therefore extremely limited, and so he has stepped down from his position as Director of Music. His last Sunday with us was January 24.

We celebrate all the wonderful things that Brian brought to that position. He was our first paid Music Director, and it was a position created on his initiative. He has ably played for our services and special activities, plus he took a turn directing the choir and has also participated in the Drumming Circle. We especially appreciate the beautiful original musical selections he composed for our church, along with the accompanying CD sales that went toward the purchase of our new piano.

The Ogle family will remain members of our church, so we will still see them from time to time. And when we do, let's greet them warmly and with much heartfelt appreciation

Susan Goodis to Chair Caring and Concerns Committee

Susan Goodis has volunteered to chair our Caring and Concerns Committee, which is the group that organizes caring activities for our members who are experiencing special needs. The Caring and Concerns Committee has, in the past, delivered meals to members during times of recuperation from illness or death in the family. They are also able to help with other short-term expressions of caring such as emergency transportation to the doctor or baby-sitting. The current members of the committee are:

Susan Goodis, Chair, 724-325-8048
Marylyn Devlin, 412-372-6113
Nancy Fitzgerald, 412-731-2994
Maria Luczkow, 724-327-3352

Tabith Riggio, 724-733-4681
Kate Zingarelli, 724-861-8361

Caring and Concerns Committee

This month we are beginning a new column for Caring & Concerns. With very short notice, I must apologize for having missed many special events. I encourage all who wish to share their joys and concerns to contact Susan Goodis at Caring@ESUUC.org Please also send any comments or suggestions concerning this column to the above e-mail address. Thank-you.

Caring and Concerns:

Our healing thoughts & energy go out to:
Mary Kukura-Straw's mother who had a lumpectomy
Laurie Montgomery
Frank Nemeth
John Shea

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Happy Birthday January & February:

Sydney Dunnett
Rayna Faigen
Alan Halperin
Matt Mathis
Laurel Noe
Alyssa Ruffing

Anniversaries:

Kate & Mark Zingarelli, 19th Wedding Anniversary
Matt Mathis & Susan Goodis

In Remembrance:

Marilyn Goodis, mother of Susan Goodis

New Music Director Needed

ESUUC is currently searching for a new music director who can play hymns and other music on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. This is a paid position. We are looking for someone who is proficient on the keyboard and will be dependable and responsible. We are open to anyone with that description from teens to older musicians. Please contact Jean Robl with any interest or leads: bandjrobl@hotmail.com or 412-372-8972.

We would like to fill this position soon.

Lite Book Club

The group is now reading "Blink" by Malcolm Gladwell and will convene on Saturday March 1st at 7:00 PM. Location: To Be Announced

Monroeville Interfaith Ministerium Needs Our Help

On Sunday afternoon, May 18 volunteers from our congregation will gather with our interfaith friends from seven different faith groups to do some hands-on mission work and activities together in parts of our community where help is needed.

During this creative outreach afternoon, each faith group will send as many volunteers as we can muster to work together at various locations around the community. There will be tasks for children, youth and adults in places such as nursing homes and outreach centers.

The afternoon will look like this:

- 1-1:45 PM Gather for a light lunch at Temple David (their food is the BEST!)
- 2-4:45 PM Disperse to pre-determined sites to work together on ministry activities
- 5-5:30 PM Gather for a closing event at Church of the Brethren

In the April newsletter we will have the locations of the mission venues listed, along with a volunteer form for those wanting to help. This is the first time the Ministerium has tried anything like this, where we work side by side in our community, so we are very excited about it. We hope the idea appeals to you enough to want to participate. So, save the date! Questions? Contact Dr. Waun who is the current President of the Ministerium. 412-731-2834.

Congregational Committees

Committee – Chair (email)

Aesthetics – Jean Robl and Maureen Lilly Building and Facilities – open Caring & Concerns – Susan Goodis Committee on Ministry – Gayle Pamerleau Community – Kate Codd-Palmer Drumming – Frank Nemeth (drumming@esuuc.org) Finance – Chris Priano Landscaping – Laurie Montgomery	Membership – Marylyn Devlin Music – Alan Halperin Pastoral Care – Maria Luczkow Religious Education – Kate Zingarelli Signs and Symbols – Leona Dunnett Social Enrichment – open Sunday Programs/Celebrations – Mary Kukura-Straw Welcoming Congregation – Matt Mathis
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Newsletter Deadlines

March 2007 newsletter deadline:

Please email your articles to newsletter@esuuc.org or call Mary Warwick (724) 327-3092 and leave a message with your news, stories, and other information.

Get the Weekly Email News

If you would like to receive a weekly email that includes items not in the newsletter and reminders of upcoming events for the week, please send an email from the address you would like subscribed to esuuc_news@esuuc.org. You can also send a message to that address if you would like it included in the weekly email announcement to the congregation.

Calendar

Saturday, February 2

9:00am

[OWL gr7-9 \(tentative\)](#)

Sunday, February 3

9:30am

[Choir Rehearsal for today's Service](#)

10:30am

[Sunday Service](#)

12:00pm

[Program Committee](#)

8:00pm

[* Spirit Progress Radio is an online streamed audio radio program](#)

Wednesday, February 6

1:00pm

[Wednesday Book Club](#)

Thursday, February 7

6:30pm

["A Course in Miracles" reading group \(contact Nancy Fitzgerald\)](#)

Friday, February 8

7:30pm

[OMD YAC meeting](#)

Saturday, February 9

» 12:00pm

[OMD YAC meeting](#)

Sunday, February 10

10:30am

[Sunday Service](#)

5:00pm

[OWL Gr7-9 \(tentative\)](#)

5:30pm

[Youth Group](#)

8:00pm

[* Spirit Progress Radio is an online streamed audio radio program](#)

Wednesday, February 13, 7:30pm

[Board Meeting](#)

Thursday, February 14, 6:30pm

["A Course in Miracles" reading group \(contact Nancy Fitzgerald\)](#)

Saturday, February 16, 9:00am

[Non-ESUUC Event \(Mixed Media Art\)](#)

Sunday, February 17, 10:30am

[Sunday Service](#)

5:00pm

[OWL Gr7-9 \(tentative\)](#)

8:00pm

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11:00pm

[Newsletter Deadline](#)

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Thursday, February 21

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Saturday, February 23

9:00am

OWL gr7-9 (tentative)

Showing events until 2/24. [Look for more](#)

Sunday, February 24

10:30am

Sunday Service (Will Delphia)

5:30pm

Youth Group

8:00pm

* Spirit Progress Radio is an online streamed audio radio program

Thursday, February 28

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Sunday, March 2

9:30am

Choir Rehearsal for today's Service

10:30am

Sunday Service

12:00pm

Program Committee

5:00pm

OWL Gr7-9 (tentative)

8:00pm

* Spirit Progress Radio is an online streamed audio radio program

Wednesday, March 5

1:00pm

Wednesday Book Club

Thursday, March 6

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Sunday, March 9

10:30am

Sunday Service

12:00pm

Council On Committee Meeting

5:00pm

OWL Gr7-9 (tentative)

5:30pm

Youth Group

8:00pm

* Spirit Progress Radio is an online streamed audio radio program

Wednesday, March 12

7:30pm

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 13

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Saturday, March 15

9:00am

Non-ESUUC Event (Mixed Media Art)

9:00am

OWL gr7-9 (tentative)

Sunday, March 16

10:30am

Sunday Service

8:00pm

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11:00pm

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, March 20

6:30pm

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"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Sunday, March 23

10:30am

Sunday Service

5:00pm

OWL Gr7-9 (tentative)

5:30pm

Youth Group

Thursday, March 27

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Saturday, March 29

6:30pm

Service Auction (TENTATIVE)

Sunday, March 30

10:30am

Sunday Service

5:00pm

OWL Gr7-9 (tentative)

8:00pm

* Spirit Progress Radio is an online streamed audio radio program

Wednesday, April 2

1:00pm

Wednesday Book Club

Thursday, April 3

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Saturday, April 5

9:00am

OWL gr7-9 (tentative)

Sunday, April 6

All day

Canvas Kickoff

9:30am

Choir Rehearsal for today's Service

10:30am

Sunday Service

12:00pm

Program Committee

5:30pm

Youth Group

8:00pm

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Wednesday, April 9

7:30pm

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 10

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Sunday, April 13

10:30am

Sunday Service

5:00pm

OWL Gr7-9 (tentative)

8:00pm

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Thursday, April 17

6:30pm

"A Course in Miracles" reading group (contact Nancy Fitzgerald)

Saturday, April 19

9:00am

Non-ESUUC Event (Mixed Media Art)

Sunday, April 20

10:30am

Sunday Service

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5:00pm

OWL Gr7-9 (tentative)

8:00pm

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